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Cal Poly Professor, Award-Winning Author Publishes Seventh Book in Series

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Modern Languages and Literatures Professor Gloria Velasquez recently had a seventh novel published titled “Tyrone’s Betrayal.”

The book is part of Velasquez’s Roosevelt High School series, which focuses on a group of multiracial teenagers who are confronted with a variety of social and cultural issues such as violence, sexuality and prejudice.

“Tyrone’s Betrayal,” published by Arte Publico Press, examines the problem of absentee fathers in the African-American community.

Velasquez is an award-winning poet, fiction writer and singer-songwriter. She came to Cal Poly in 1985, after earning a Ph.D. from Stanford University in Latin American and Chicano literatures.

She has received numerous awards and honors. A song she wrote, “Son in Vietnam,” appeared in the PBS documentary “Soldados: Chicanos in Vietnam.” Velasquez appeared in the PBS documentary “La Raza de Colorado” in May 2005.

She lives in San Luis Obispo. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Velasquez at (805) 756-2992 or gvelasqu@calpoly.edu.

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